GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:545
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2000
SECURITY STANDARDS AT KATHMANDU AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Kathmandu airport meets the standards of security as set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation;

(b) whether prior to hijacking of Indian Airlines flight to Kandahar, Indian Government had ever checked with the Nepalese Government that the Kathmandu International Airport conforms to the aforesaid norms; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.545 FOR 4.5.2000

(a) to (c) It would not be appropriate to comment on the security standards of an airport located in the capital of another country. However, the need for enhanced security and immigration controls at the Tribhuvan International Airport(TIA)in Kathmandu as well as security measures required by Indian Airlines were taken up by Government of India with His Majesty`s Govrnment of Nepal(HMGN) on several occasions. HMGN have assured us that on their part they are takingnecessary steps to strengthen security at TIA on a priority basis.